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Any number of MOBS instruments can be deployed at one time from a survey vessel or surface support ship. As shown in **Figure 4**, the MOBS are independently controlled so that they can propel themselves or swim using fins **14**. The MOBS swim in formation or